Integrated Radiation Analysis and Design Tools

Completed Technology Project (2005 - 2015)

Project Introduction

The Integrated Radiation Analysis and Design Tools (IRADT) Project develops and maintains an integrated tool set that collects the current best practices, databases, and state-of-the-art methodologies to evaluate and optimize human systems such as spacecraft, spacesuits, rovers, and habitats. IRADT integrates design models and methodologies in support of evaluation/verification of design limits and design solutions to meet As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) requirements (NASA STD 3001, Vol 2). IRADT provides the radiation community access to physics and transport capabilities and research improvements. The capabilities are developed under strict version control and are independently verified and validated (IV&V) to the extent possible. Current customers include NASA Exploration Systems Mission Directorate's (ESMD) Directorate Integration Office studies (i.e., LAT, MAT, LSOS), Lunar Surface Systems as well as Constellation's Orion and Vehicle Integration Office, universities, industry, and Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR). IRADT is designed for utilization by future commercial customers concerned about transfer of proprietary data and results.

Deliverables and access to the Integrated Radiation Design Tools fill identified gaps documented in the Human Research Program (HRP) Integrated Research Plan (HRP-47065, Rev. A) to support the evaluation of effective shielding options by the engineering community:

· Cancer - 11: What are the most effective shielding approaches to mitigate cancer risks?

· Cancer - 13: What are the most effective approaches to integrate radiation shielding analysis codes with collaborative engineering design environments used by spacecraft and planetary habitat design efforts?

· Acute - 6: What are the most effective shielding approaches to mitigate acute radiation risks, how do we know, and implement?

IRADT will specifically address the limitations associated with simplified geometry description (equivalent aluminum, three-layer transport interpolation, random orientation) and straight ahead transport. The design tools increases fidelity by incorporating common spacecraft and user specified materials in the geometry description with ray-by-ray transport to minimize the uncertainties due to range-scaling of material thicknesses and material ordering. Ray-by ray transport also establishes the basis to calculate the forward/backward neutron generation within vehicle/lunar surface geometries. The back-scattered neutron environment will be calculated from the opposite sides of the vehicle for a crew member’s specific orientation at specific tissue locations. This will increase our ability to evaluate the effectiveness of shielding systems. In supporting the closure of these gaps, the Design Tool Project tools and models will support specification, implementation, verification, and monitoring of Spaceflight Human Systems Standard, Vol. 2 (NASA STD 3001, Vol. 2) radiation design and operational requirements with

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improved uncertainty quantification.

The integrated tools and models will be supplied to the user community via a website called OLTARIS (On-Line Tool for the Assessment of Radiation in Space), which can be accessed at

https://oltaris.nasa.gov
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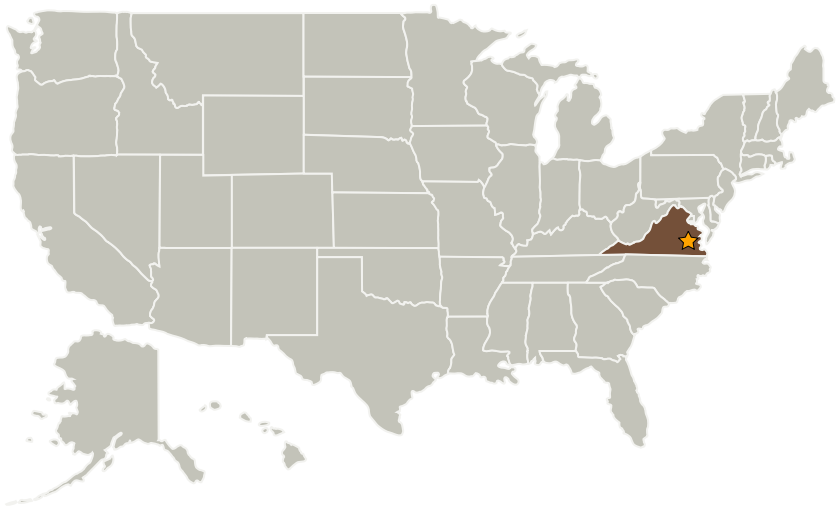
Anticipated Benefits

This technology is currently in development. When additional publically releasable information becomes available, it will be posted on TechPort.

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



Organizations Performing Work	Role	Type	Location
★Langley Research Center(LaRC)	Lead Organization	NASA Center	Hampton, Virginia
Old Dominion University	Supporting Organization	Academia	Norfolk, Virginia

Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Operations Mission Directorate (SOMD)

Lead Center / Facility:

Langley Research Center (LaRC)

Responsible Program:

Human Spaceflight Capabilities

Project Management

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Virginia

Project Transitions

October 2005: Project Start

September 2015: Closed out

Closeout Summary: Several new capabilities were added to the OLTARIS site over the last reporting period. The Matthia 2013 GCR (galactic cosmic ray) model (Matthiä, D., Berger, T., Mrigakshi A. , T., Reitz G., A Ready-to-Use Galactic Cosmic Ray Model, Adv. in Space Res. 51 (2013) pp. 329-338) was added for free space, Earth orbit, and surface environments. The model can be defined one of three ways, by selecting an historic solar min/max, by entering specific dates, or by entering a fitting parameter. A comprehensive comparison of the various GCR models was published by Slaba, et. al. (see publications) and it showed that the Matthia model was on par with the Badhwar-O'Neill 2010 model in terms of uncertainty for space radiation calculations. The Badhwar-O'Neill 2010 and 2004 models are also still available. The linear energy transfer (LET) response has now been activated for all geometry and project types. It was previously only available for interpolation-based, thickness distribution jobs for free-space environments. Both the integral and differential flux/fluence vs. LET is computed and the target material can be specified as either tissue or silicon. A new atmosphere model has been added for Mars surface environments. The Mars Climate Database (MCD, http://www-mars.lmd.jussieu.fr/) is a database of atmospheric statistics compiled from state-of-the-art simulations of the Martian atmosphere. It is a much more refined model than MarsGRAM and takes into account the surface location (latitude and longitude), the Martian seasons (Solar longitude) and the time of day (Local solar time). OLTARIS (https://oltaris.nasa.gov/) currently has 223 active accounts, which is an increase of 53 accounts over the current reporting period. 81 accounts are government (including NASA, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Air Force Research Laboratory, and Federal Aviation Administration), 86 are university professors/researchers/students, and 56 are industry (including Boeing, Space X, Lockheed-Martin, Alliant Techsystems Inc., Northrup Grumman, and Bigelow Aerospace). There have been nearly 4000 jobs run through OLTARIS during the current reporting period and 14,500 since counting began in November 2009.

Stories

Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals
(https://techport.nasa.gov/file/60774)

Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals
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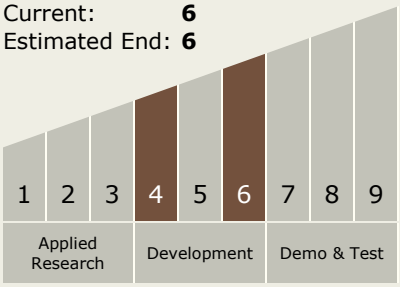
Technology Maturity (TRL)

Start: **4**
Current: **6**
Estimated End: **6**



Technology Areas

Primary:

- TX06 Human Health, Life Support, and Habitation Systems
  - TX06.5 Radiation
    - TX06.5.1 Radiation Transport and Risk Modeling

Target Destinations

The Moon, Mars

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NASA Technical Documents
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Papers from Meeting Proceedings
(https://techport.nasa.gov/file/60770)

Project Website:

https://taskbook.nasaprs.com